

## **JOSEPH SYLVIA STATE BEACH**

**Management:** Dukes County/Friends of Sengekontacket and the Barrier Beach Task Force (FOS and BBTF)

These two groups meet quarterly with a primary goal being to analyze the beach's needs and make recommendations that can be successfully and realistically applied.

**Location/Community:** Martha's Vineyard, rural/resort/island community

**Staff:** No one from County, all volunteer from FOS and BBTF. Currently revising Management Plan to include guidelines for staffing and funding for staffing the beach. Volunteers are from 15 different agencies and government groups. No beach manager yet.

**Funding/Budget:** Funding comes from DCR and major donations. DCR has allocated 36,000 for a management plan, and have approved 135,000 for county and state funds for three years commencing 1/2007.

**Maintenance:** Currently volunteer staff, formerly county staff. Includes fencing, signage, shorebird maintenance and monitoring, beach grass protection and restoration.

### **Water Testing:**

**Friends groups:** Friends Of Sengekontacket is a 501C3. They do not currently have a project manager, bylaws, a charter, or guidebook – paperwork associated with the group is available in person only in book form.

**Programs:** Their efforts and programs have included studying water quality and advocating for protection and restoration of the pond waters relating to nitrogen loading, runoff, and oxygen levels; restoring essential beach grass and developing comprehensive educational programs on beach grass; dealing with practical issues such as fencing, parking, and maintenance; and collaborating with a local Audubon center, the Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary, in order to create curriculum for kids about the significance of beach grass and coastal ecosystems.

**Contact:** Albert "Hap" Hamel (508) 696-0961

**Additional Info:** Parking is free on street. The first stage of their management plan, revised November 2005, reviews and articulates recommended procedures for the task force. A draft of the beach management plan can be found at

[http://www.dukescounty.org/Pages/DukesCountyMA\\_NaturalResources/sylvia](http://www.dukescounty.org/Pages/DukesCountyMA_NaturalResources/sylvia)

## **NORTON POINT BEACH/SOUTH BEACH**

**Management:** Dukes County/ Trustees of Reservations

This recent partnership developed in April 2006 and is a written agreement based on a five year contract.

**Location/Community:** Martha's Vineyard, rural/resort/island community

**Staff:** In house (Trustees): Superintendent (Beach Manager), Patrol Rangers, Gatehouse Rangers, Shorebird Monitors, 10 rangers across island, 30 people for this beach

**Budget:** Trustees Income (including merchandise sales, permits, and memberships) total: \$148,400

Expenses (including Salaries for ranger staff and shorebird monitors, property services, signs, advertising, vehicle, fuel, permit printing):

\$147,711

2007 Start-up budget: 46,640

Annual Operating Budget expenses: \$194,351

\*See Norton Point Beach 2007 Budget Sheet for breakdown of income/expenses

### **Water Testing:**

**Contact:** Trustees of Reservations contact: Dave Belcher, Superintendent  
(508) 627-7689

Trustees office: (508) 693-7662

Chris Kennedy: kennedy@ttor.org

### **Additional Info:**

The agreement was prompted by both surfcasters advocating for a better management plan, and the coastal waterbird program, which annually monitors and manages the beach for nesting species of special concern. The Trustees, who are responsible for neighboring properties Wasque beach and Cape Pogue on Chappaquiddick (Norton Point connects to the other side) decided to take on this project as an extension of their other beach management responsibilities, and after ten years of negotiations and attempts at written agreements, they have finally embarked on this project and are making tremendous progress in improving the beach. The county is partnered with the Trustees, but it is the Trustees who are primarily responsible for everything from beach rangers and signage across the beach to shorebird monitoring, environmental education, overland vehicle permits and revenues, and enforcing regulations such as a ten o'clock curfew on the beach, which excludes fishermen.

## **SOUTH CAPE BEACH STATE PARK**

**Management:** This beach's management system is intricately tied to the Waquoit Bay Reserve, which has funding from NOAA to facilitate research with scientists and researchers from Woods Hole and elsewhere, utilizing it as a natural laboratory and education site.

**Location/Community:** Mashpee, Cape Cod, local, summer resort, rural year round

**Staff:** Brendan Annett- Reserve Manager, supervises Forest and Parks Supervisor, who supervises maintenance

3 full time year round staff, 15 in summer, with 6 maintenance staff and 4 lifeguards.

**Funding/Budget:** The majority of the funding for this beach and the reserve come from NOAA, but it is also funded and staffed by DCR.

Parking is run by DCR- summer fee- \$8 per day, \$35 for a seasonal pass, MA resident, \$45 for non- MA resident

### **Water Testing:**

**Friends groups:** Citizens for Protection of Waquoit Reserve

Jane Abbott friends group info

(508) 540-1948

**Contact:** Brendan Annett, Stewardship Coordinator and Acting Manager (508) 457-0495 x108

Laurie Tompkins

**Additional Info:** Programming is primarily educational, nature/environmental programming. Nature walks and environmental education is priority, with little or no recreational/social programming.

More information on the partnership and Waquoit Reserve at:

<http://www.waquoitbayreserve.org/>

## **NARRAGANSETT BEACH**

**Management:** DEM, Parks and Recreation Department

**Location/Community:** South Coast of Rhode Island, Public Beach

**Staff:** Between 15 and 20 management, 5 specific managers for maintenance and staff on the beach. No one beach manager.

**Budget:** Funding from DEM

**Contact:** Barry Fontaine, Director, Parks and Recreation (401) 782-0658

**Additional Info:** Hard copies of all detailed beach info, programming, staff handbooks and policy in office.

## **HAMPTON BEACH**

**Management:** State Park/Seacoast Park, managed by the Seacoast Regional Supervisor of the state division of Parks and Recreation. More detailed info forthcoming.

**Location/Community:** New Hampshire coast, resort, local public beach

**Staff:** 90 staff on this beach, which includes lifeguards, park patrol employees, and seashell complex (for concerts).

**Budget and Funding:** Self-funded parks system with minimal resources. Hampton Beach Improvement Fund- revenue from parking which goes into maintenance, infrastructure, and equipment. Can request bonds for repairs and reconstruction. Staff is in need of funding. Numbers are not readily available. According to the Seacoast Regional Supervisor, “there is never enough- we have to borrow.”

### **Maintenance:**

Beach raking considered very important. Very clean beach. Staffing in bathrooms, additional trash barrels, cleaning every half hour, cleaned bathrooms every two hours, emphasize user friendliness. Increased supplies. Lots of signage. (Weather, rip tides, parking, hours) One of the largest custodial and maintenance operations of the state.

### **Water Testing:**

**Friends groups:** Blue Ocean Society

**Contact:** Brian Warburton, Seacoast Regional Supervisor (603) 436-1552

**Additional Info:** Partnerships (active involvement) include Dept. of Transportation, Environmental Services- Coastal Program, Fish and Game, Police, Chamber of Commerce. Programs include contests, sports, concerts, educational programs.

## **MIAMI BEACH**

**Management:** Miami Beach has a very complicated management system. The city is responsible for certain permits and special events, the county is responsible for all maintenance, such as cleaning and raking and trash collection, and the state owns the

beach, controls most of the funding, and is responsible for re nourishment of the beach, which is continually necessary due to beach erosion and lack of a natural beach. This results in some efficient management solutions, but mostly in difficulty communicating with the public (and with each other) satisfying their concerns and needs, since the main source of management is outside of Miami altogether and meets periodically in Jacksonville.

**Location/Community:** Miami, urban/resort year round

**Staff:**The management staff is divided up by the city, county and state. There is no Beach manager. There are about 100 lifeguards, managed by the city's Ocean Rescue division.

**Budget:** Detailed information on the budget is not readily available, online or through contacts. It is on public record and can be obtained by special request. None of the contacts have easy access to the specifics of the budget, due to the complex and multi-tiered nature of the management and funding system there.

**Maintenance:** Handled mainly by the county (cleaning, raking, trash collection)

**Water Testing:**

**Friends groups:** ECOMB- environmental coalition of Miami – works most closely with the city to deal with environmental issues and maintaining clean waterways and beaches. Beach Preservation Committee- Residents appointed, meet monthly, refer to county divisions for programs and projects

**Contact:**Lisa Botero, Environmental Specialist (305) 673-7000 x6928  
Lifeguard staffing, special events- Max Sklar, Tourism and Cultural Development (305) 673-7000 x6116  
County, Special Projects- (305) 372-6850

Note- this is an interesting beach partnership situation where Trust for Public Land has gifted Santa Cruz with a huge stretch of public state beaches (12) which were formerly private and is in the process of figuring out management with The Bureau of Land Management and TPL.

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2006/07/28/MNG2RK79S41.DTL>